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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 23, 1996.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

- Food and Consumer Service

Title: Operating Guidelines, Forms and Waivers.

Summary: Approval standards promulgated by these Food Stamp regulations include system performance characteristics and cost effectiveness during operation. As a result, State agencies are required to report information on these standards during operation and as part of the approval process.

Need and Use of the Information: This information is needed for approval purposes per the Food Stamp Act, to determine whether activity or automation effort is eligible to receive Federal funding and explain how the program is conducted in individual states. This information is required to comply with the legislative mandate.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 4,731.

- Food and Consumer Service

Title: Report of the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Summary: The Child and Adult Care Food Program is mandated by Section 17 of the National School Lunch Act as amended. State agencies must submit a report of program activity in order to receive Federal reimbursement for meals served to eligible participants.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected on Form FCS-44 is used for management of the program. It is the only means by which FCS can obtain current information necessary to make payments to State agency letters of credit, and to plan for future levels of program funding. If this data were not collected, FCS would be unable to monitor the proper use of program funds.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly; Quarterly; Semi-annually.

Total Burden Hours: 5,724.

- Farm Service Agency

Title: Request for Statement of Debts and Collateral.

Summary: The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make direct loans to eligible farmers and ranchers for farm operating and emergency loans for operating purposes.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collection is necessary to obtain details regarding chatte debt for direct operating loans and for emergency loans for operating purposes. Without this information, USDA would not have verification on lien position when securing the loan and would not have exact balances on the debts in question.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 11,250.

- Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Application for Import Licenses for Certain Dairy Products—1997 and thereafter.

Summary: These forms will be used in applying for import licenses for

certain dairy products subject to tariff-rate quotas and issued in accordance with the final rule governing the administration of the import licensing system.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to assure that the intent of the legislature is being correctly administered.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 375.

Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by September 6, 1996.

- Economic Research Service

Title: Cotton Ginning Charges and Related Information.

Summary: The information collected provides specific estimates of charges paid by farmers for ginning and wrapping cotton, data on harvesting practices, and charges for major marketing services.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to compute cotton cost of production estimates, is used in commodity situation and outlook projections, and provides data on trends in harvesting.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1170.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 195.

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Agricultural Marketing Service

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Announcement of Implementation of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Secretary of Agriculture has authorized the implementation of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact. The Secretary has determined that a compelling public interest exists in the Compact region and has authorized the